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SUBJECT: U.S. COAL FOR MEXICAN POWER GENERATION

REF: 76 MEXICO 4257

1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, PRESIDENT OF ASHLAND OIL APPROACHED PEMEX IN MARCH OF 1976 WITH A PROPOSAL THAT U.S. WESTERN STEAM COAL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR FUEL OIL IN MEXICAN ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS. ALTHOUGH PEMEX SEEMED MILDLY INTERESTED, THEIR RESPONSE WAS THAT SUCH AN IDEA COULD NOT BE EXAMINED RATIONALLY IN THE WANING DAYS OF THE ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION. EMBASSY AGREED WITH THIS ASSESSMENT.

2. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT ASHLAND AGAIN PLANS TO RAISE THE MATTER,
THIS TIME WITH NEW PEMEX DIRECTOR GENERAL JORGE DIAZ SERRANO (JDS) AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR A NEW CARBON BLACK PLANT IN TAMPICO, VER., ON APRIL 6, 1977. WE BELIEVE JDS WILL AT LEAST LISTEN TO SUCH A PROPOSAL.
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3. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, VERY ROUGH CALCULATIONS BY EMBASSY INDICATED THAT MEXICO COULD GENERATE THE SAME AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY AT A CONSIDERABLY LOWER COST IF COAL WERE SUBSTITUTED FOR OIL. THE TRANSPORTATION COSTS SEEM REASONABLE AND THE FUEL OIL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT, IMPACTING VERY FAVORABLY ON MEXICO'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

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U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF BOILER CONVERSION EQUIPMENT AS WELL
AS THE MINING INDUSTRY SHOULD ALSO PROFIT HANDSOMELY.
NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST OF A YEAR
AGO FOR GUIDANCE AND INDICATION OF U.S.POLICY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. IF THE USG IS INTERESTED,WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE SHOULD
INVOLVE OURSELVES IN WHAT COULD BE A LENGTHY DISCUSSION
WITH THE GOM. THOMPSON

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